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Possible Questions on Economic Problems

Oil Issues

- o What are the Iraqis doing to expand their oil pipeline export capacity? What can we do to help them?
- o What are Iraq's military capabilities to curtail Iran's oil exports?
- o What are Iran's capabilities to curtail Persian Gulf oil exports? For how long?
- o If Iran blocked the straits, or damaged Saudi facilities, could we count on increased production from Libya? What would the USSR do in its exports of oil and gas?
- o During a major escalation of the Iran-Iraq war, how much cooperation (military, economic and political) could we expect from our Allies? What would be the attitudes of other Arab states?
- o Under what circumstances would our Allies expect the US to agree putting the IEA emergency sharing mechanism into operation?

Debt Issues

- o Are IMF-sponsored stabilization programs breeding political instability in many debtor countries?
- o Can the Philippines achieve financial stability with Marcos in power?
- o How do you assess the likely policies and achievements of the Alfonsin government in Argentina, and their impact on that country's debt servicing?
- o Is the IMF-sponsored program for Brazil consistent with democratization? What contingencies should we be prepared for?

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- o Is the Mexican situation as favorable as is generally reported? Are we worried about the future in Mexico?
- o Do we expect a "counter-coup" of more junior officers in Nigeria? Could this result from debt-related austerity? from lower oil prices?

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